

429—2.1(216A) Definitions. The following definitions reflect a service-oriented approach to communication and do not reflect or imply a degree of hearing loss:

“Deaf persons” means those individuals who use sign language as their primary mode of communication. They may use interpreters to facilitate communication.

“Hard-of-hearing persons” means those individuals who are unable to hear easily within conversational range. They may use speechreading, assistive listening devices or oral interpreters to facilitate communication.

“Obligated agency” means any program or activity that receives federal financial assistance or that is conducted by any executive agency of the federal government or by the U.S. Postal Service or any covered, public or private entity defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Pursuant to the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Section 4, Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is amended to define the term “program or activity” to obligate the following operations of:

1. A department, agency or special purpose district of a state or of a local government; or
 2. The entity of such state or local government that distributes such assistance and each department or agency to which the assistance is extended; or
 3. A college, university, or other postsecondary institution, or public system of higher education; or
 4. A local education agency (as defined in section 198(a)(1Q) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965), system of vocational education, or other school system; or
 5. An entire corporation, partnership or other private organization or an entire sole proprietorship
- if:

Federal financial assistance is extended to such entity; or

Principally engaged in the business of providing education, health care, housing, social services, or parks and recreation whereby federal financial assistance is extended in any part.

“Oral interpreter” means an interpreter who is fluent in:

1. Facilitating spoken communication for individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing and use speech and speechreading as their primary mode of communication.
2. “Voicing” for speakers who use no voice or whose voices are difficult to understand.

“Revolving account” means the separate account dedicated to and used by the division to deposit fees collected from obligated agencies for the provision of continued and expanded interpreting services, pursuant to Iowa Code section 216A.117.

“Sign language interpreter” means an interpreter who is able to interpret from sign language to English and English to sign language.